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## **GE Healthcare receives state recognition for exemplary Safety Program**

SALT LAKE CITY, October 2, 2008 - The Utah Occupational Safety and Health (UOSH) Division of the Utah Labor Commission awarded GE Healthcare with re-certification into the State's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). After a week-long onsite audit, a UOSH team made the decision to recommend GE's continued participation in the program at the STAR level.

Since entering the Program in 2003 at Merit level, then achieving STAR status in 2005, GE has continued to improve its safety and health management system, in turn, providing its 671 employees with a safe and healthful place of employment.

The Voluntary Protection Program, established by federal OSHA in 1982 and adopted by Utah OSHA, promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, management, labor, and UOSH establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system. Approval into VPP is UOSH's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health.

“Of the 72,000 plus employers under the jurisdiction of Utah UOSH, only five have been recognized as VPP companies”, noted Utah Labor Commissioner, Sherrie Hayashi. “There are approximately only two thousand employers in the entire nation which have achieved VPP status. This achievement is the result of meeting stringent requirements which include an extensive on-site inspection by a team of UOSH personnel. The Commission congratulates GE Healthcare on this important achievement.”

GE Healthcare produces medical imaging equipment and is located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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